Survey on the vitality of endogenous regional languages of Wallonia

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The Observatory took part in a study coordinated by the Research Directorate, which collected nearly 5,000 responses.

The result of a collaboration between the Research Department of the General Secretariat of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation, the Department of Endogenous Regional Languages, the Observatory of Cultural Policies and the IWEPS, this research report entitled "Vitality of the endogenous regional languages of Wallonia: quantitative survey" focuses on the different endogenous regional languages (including "Walloon") of Wallonia.

Thanks to a survey that collected nearly 5,000 responses, an inventory of the vitality of endogenous regional languages in the territory of Wallonia has been drawn up. The aim was to shed light on both the respondents' representation of their own skills and their attitudes towards these languages: what image do the Walloons surveyed have of the regional languages of Wallonia? How do they assess their skills as speakers of one or more of these languages? Here are two examples of the fundamental questions explored in this report. It also attempts to provide elements for defining the "real" linguistic skills of the respondents and the profiles of speakers and non-speakers by testing their performance during a short translation exercise into French.

If you are interested in these questions, if you would like to know more about the landscape of regional languages, if you have an opinion on the decline or renewed vitality of these languages and if you would like to enrich or compare it, we invite you to read the research report available at the following address: https://statistiques.cfwb.be/fileadmin/sites/ccfwb/uploads/documents/Rapport_LRE_Version_finale.pdf (opens in new tab)

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